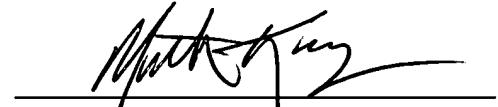


REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has added new claims 26-28. Examination on the merits is now requested.

Fees in the amount of \$54.00 are paid by the attached check. If additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

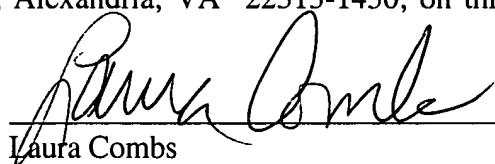
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